

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Transportation		2018	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee		703	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	10/24/2016	10/24/2018	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
No	N/A		
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Section 60115 of Title 49 United States Code	08/12/1968	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open</b> 3	<b>17b. Closed</b> 0	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b> 0	<b>Other Activities</b> 0
<b>17d. Total</b> 3			

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Discuss topics and provisions of the proposed rule titled "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," and a joint meeting of the GPAC and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, also known as the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC). The purpose of the joint meeting of the GPAC and LPAC is to discuss a variety of policy issues and topics relative to pipeline safety.	12/13/2017	12/15/2017
The GPAC will be considering the proposed rule titled, "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," which was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and on the associated regulatory analysis. (Meeting 3 - topic discussion)	03/02/2018	03/02/2018
The GPAC considered and voted on regulatory requirements in the proposed rule titled, "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," which was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and on the associated regulatory analysis. (Meeting 4 - topic discussion.)	03/26/2018	03/28/2018

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$2,326.19	\$2,329.19

<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$21,134.19	\$21,134.19
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$27,330.00	\$16,398.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$74,690.38	\$63,761.38
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.13	0.13

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The committee reviews each proposal to determine the technical feasibility, cost effectiveness, reasonableness, and practicability of each proposal. The committee also reviews matters relating to risk assessment. The members provide valuable technical knowledge and practical experience to supplement staff resources at relatively low cost. Since it is composed of government, industry, and public members, the committee serves as a unique forum for give and take, facilitating discussion of complex and often controversial issues. The balance of views on the Committee aids the Office of Pipeline Safety in evaluating conflicting demands placed on us by NTSB, GAO, Congress, and other external stakeholders.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership of the Committee represents a unique mix of government, industry and public members. This balance of views reflects varying interests in pipeline safety. The Committee provides a valuable, independent base of technical knowledge and practical experience.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee generally meets twice each calendar year.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee brings together experts with technical knowledge and practical experience who represent all constituent groups (government, industry, public) having an interest in pipeline safety. Frank and open discussion of proposed gas pipeline safety standards by these experts is both economical and productive. The result is a stronger pipeline safety program. No other readily available source of similar expertise exists within government or industry.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

## 21. Remarks

### Designated Federal Officer

Alan Mayberry Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, PHMSA

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Airey, W.	03/16/2018	03/06/2021	Retired Partner - Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease, LLP	Representative Member
Allen, Stephen	11/10/2016	10/01/2018	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	Representative Member
Bradley, Ronald	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Vice President, Gas PECO	Representative Member
Brownstein, Mark	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Assoc VP & Chief Counsel, US Energy & Climate Prgm	Representative Member
Burman, Diane	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	New York Public Service Commission	Representative Member
Campbell, Cheryl	10/12/2017	06/01/2018	Vice President, Gas Engineering & Operations	Representative Member
Danner, David	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission	Representative Member
Drake, J. Andrew	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Vice President, Operations & EHS, Spectra Energy Transmission, LLC	Representative Member
Gosman, Sara	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	University of Arkansas School of Law	Representative Member
Hill, Robert	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	(Public) County Dev Depart Director, & Emergency Manager , Brookings County, SD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Longan, Sara	03/16/2018	03/16/2021	Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, BLM	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pevarski, Rick	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Chief Executive Officer, Virgiiia Utility Protection Services, LLC	Representative Member
Turpin, Terry	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Worsinger, Richard	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Director of Utilities, City of Rocky Mount , North Carolina	Representative Member
Zamarin, Chad	10/12/2017	10/12/2020	Vice President – Engineering, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### Narrative Description

The committee considers each proposed pipeline safety rule to assure technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness and practicability of proposed standards. The members also review and evaluate each associated cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

During this reporting period, the committee discussed and made recommendations on the gas transmission component of the "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," which was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and the associated regulatory analysis. The committee is scheduled to discuss the gathering line component of the proposed rule in January 2019.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

n/a

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

38

### Number of Recommendations Comments

Number of recommendations count per proposed rule; therefore, the estimate would be 38 for 38 proposed rules.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

**will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

89%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Not Applicable

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The charge of this committee is to consider all of PHMSA's proposed rules applicable to hazardous liquid pipelines and facilities. During this reporting period, the committee voted on the NPRM: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification and other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes (80 FR 39916). The Agency's response to the committee recommendations is included in the final rule.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A